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ALFRED THIARD-LAFORET ET AL : GROUP ART UNIT: 2839

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FOR: METHOD FOR REPAIRING
A CONNECTING DEVICE....

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 27, 30-37, 39, and 41-42 as shown in clean form below. A marked-up copy of the amended claim is attached hereto.

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27. (Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein said removing said defective electrical and fluidic connector comprises the step of heating said defective electrical and fluidic connector to soften an existing soldering alloy securing said defective electrical and fluidic connector to said electro-fluid conductor such that said removing step is facilitated.

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30. (Amended) The method of claim 24, wherein said securing step (a) comprises the step of soldering said first member to said electro-fluidic conductor using a first alloy.

31. (Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein prior to said soldering step, said securing step (a) includes placing said first alloy around said end portion of said electro-fluidic conductor.